



GRANT RECIPIENT

JERRY ROSS ELEMENTARY
CROWN POINT

YEAR

2006

COUNTY

LAKE

CATEGORY

LOW COST CONSTRUCTION

GRANT AWARD

\$9,700

LOCAL SHARE

\$9,800



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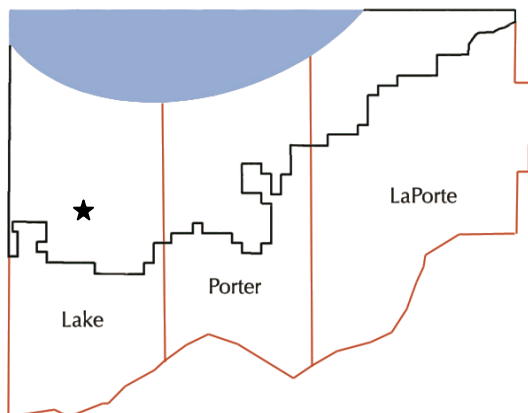
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Jerry Ross Elementary School Natural Habitat Restoration Project

Jerry Ross Elementary School, part of the Crown Point Community School Corporation, serves residents of Lake County's Winfield and Center Townships. The school provides science instruction for students in kindergarten through sixth grade. With assistance from the Lake Michigan Coastal Program, the school was able to advance its science curriculum by developing a Natural Habitat Restoration Area within the school's Outdoor Learning Center. The project included various learning stations to support the school's science curriculum. Grant funding made possible projects such as a constructed wetland featuring native plants, a pond that supports aquatic life and circulates water through the wetland, and a prairie meadow habitat with native wildflowers and plants.

The Natural Habitat Restoration Area promotes "hands on" science instruction on water quality, water quality protection, watershed management, and demonstrates the role wetlands play in protecting water quality. As a result, students do not have to travel far to learn how to become good stewards of our natural environment.



RESULT: Created a natural habitat that incorporated native plants, wetland features and a pond for an elementary science program